

## Children with Special Health Care Needs



### Chronic Illness

#### **Program Description:**

The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) program provides public health nursing services for children (birth to 18 years of age) who have physical, behavioral or emotional conditions that require health and related services beyond those required by children in general. Children who participate have, or are at risk of developing, a serious or chronic condition including, but not limited to, developmental delay, (physical or speech), cleft lip and/or palate, cystic fibrosis, metabolic diseases, birth defects (singular and syndromes), cancer, seizure disorders, autism, Down's syndrome, blindness, deafness or premature birth.

The Public Health Nurse promotes the coordination of systems of care to assure that CSHCN have the opportunity to achieve the healthiest life possible and develop to their fullest potential. The program promotes access to integrated, family centered, culturally competent and community-based programs and services.

#### **Delivery Measures:**

- 147 referrals
- 142 home visits
- 7 Work First evaluations

#### **Notes and Updates:**

Staff continues to use a tiered system to prioritize the level of service necessary for each client. Interpreter services are utilized to facilitate communication with monolingual Spanish speaking parents.

#### **Challenges:**

In 2006, the Department of Health generated a county level report for each county in the state. Staff continues to gather information on a database.

#### Cancer



#### Diabetes



#### Premature Birth



#### Autism

